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Redevelopment Board Minutes 03/22/2004

Arlington Redevelopment Board
Minutes of March 22, 2004

Members Present: Ed Tsoi
Nora Mann
Roland Chaput
Barry Faulkner

Also Attending: Kevin J. O'Brien, Secretary ex officio
Joey Glushko, Planner
Laura Wiener, Director of Housing

Ed Tsoi called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and opened the hearing on proposed amendments to the Zoning Bylaw. The Board asked for comments on Article 8 first because a Mr. Stella from 71 Mott St. wished to talk about that article. Article 8 proposes to add several wetlands to the Floodplain and Wetland Overlay of the Zoning Map. Mr. Stella objected to the fact that his address was used in the warrant to describe one of the wetlands. It was explained to him that the vote would reference the actual map and the properties affected by it would be determined by the actual location of the wetland.

The Board heard testimony from Freeland Abbott about several warrant articles that he authored. The Board commented on the burden that Article 18 would put on developers and asked that Gene Benson, the apparent proponent, be notified that the Board will talk about the article at its March 29 meeting.

Ed Tsoi asked that individual Board members be responsible for reporting to Town Meeting on each article.

At 9:30 p.m. Ed Tsoi asked Kevin O'Brien to explain the issue regarding a change to the parking lot at Arlington High School. Kevin O'Brien explained that the remediation of Peirce Field included some alternates in the bid offering. One alternate was to enlarge one of the parking areas which conflicts with the decision on a special permit issued by the Board that states that parking should not be increased if it requires the use of green space on the school campus. Kevin O'Brien was directed to determine if the alternate was selected before the Board took any action on this item.

The Board spent some time discussing the Symmes project.

Barry Faulkner moved that the Board amend Metcalf & Eddy's contract by increasing the amount to cover extra work that is needed. Nora Mann seconded the motion and it was voted 4 to 0 in favor.

Roland Chaput suggested a couple of changes to the minutes and moved that the minutes of January 26, 2004, January 28, 2004, February 2, 2004, February 4, 2004, and February 9, 2004, be accepted. Nora Mann seconded the motion and it was voted 4 to 0 in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin O'Brien